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In the Application of)
J. TODD WAGNER, et al.) Examiner: Not Assigned
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on METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
SUSPENDING A VEHICULAR)
WHEEL ASSEMBLY)
Serial No.: 10/676,527)
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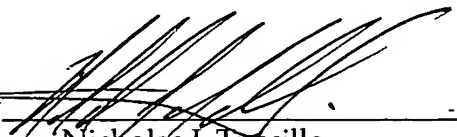
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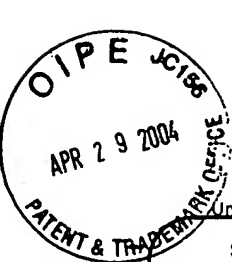
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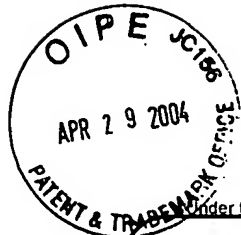
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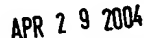
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